

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



September 25, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

**Call to Worship*

One: God is our refuge and stronghold.

***All:* We will place our trust in God.**

One: God's faithful love protects us.

***All:* We will not be afraid.**

One: When times are troubling,

***All:* God will be with us.**

One: When we cry out,

***All:* God will answer us.**

One: Through the years of our lives, God is with us. We look to the future with hope, for God is our solid foundation.

**Hymn*

"The Voice of God Is Calling"

UMH #436

*Opening Prayer

**God, you are wrapped in mystery, shrouded with light, unseen, but ever with us.
Yet, you care for us— keeping us safe, protecting us, and answering us when we call.
It is easy to cling to our bank accounts, and place our trust in our possessions, but they are not what really matters.
You are the true riches in our lives.
Open our hearts to one another and to the needs of the world, that we may share your abundance, and find true life in your love.
Our hope is in you, source of goodness and life. Amen.**

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

UMH #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

You may mail in your offering or drop it in our locked mailbox that is to the right of our front glass doors.

Special Music

*“Bless This House”
Chancel Choir (11:00)*

by J. Martin

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

“Give Thanks”

TFWS #2036

*Prayer of Dedication

**We thank you, O God, for your generous Spirit; for Christ's gift of self; for your never-failing love.
For your many gifts, we thank you.
For caring enough to walk with us in our weakness, we praise you.
Receive these gifts in token and thanks for the love you offer us, a love that makes us well and whole. Amen.**

*Hymn of Preparation

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

UMH #189

“Let’s Talk” Time

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

Message

Doug Whitecotton

Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we find so much to worry about.

The world seems a scary place, filled with violence and destruction.

Things seem to be coming apart and we don’t know what the future holds.

Trying so hard to control what is happening to us, we look to our savings accounts for security.

Our possessions take so much energy and focus that we ignore those in need, even when they are right in front of us.

Help us place our trust in you, O God.

Remind us of your continuing care for all creation.

Teach us to see the needs of the world and to respond with care and compassion, that we may be faithful, gentle, loving people.

Words of Assurance

Put your hope in God, who richly provides for our needs.

Enjoy God’s good gifts as you share what you have with others.

Delight in the treasures God provides.

*Hymn

“I’ll Fly Away”

TFWS #2282

*Sending Forth

May the God who made heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the gospel.

The grace of God be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

*Postlude

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For pastoral care during Pastor Cindy's absence, please contact

Rev. Neil Leftwich

or

Rev. Debra Dague.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

BLESSING BOX

Non-Perishable Food Items

***ABSOLUTELY NO EXPIRED OR OPENED ITEMS
WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Not ready to attend in-person worship,
but still want to help out our mission group?
You can mail in monetary donations to the church anytime,
just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".



If you would like to send Cindy a card, please send it to the parsonage and someone will get it to her. If you need the address, contact Molly in the office.



It's been over two years and the quiet little town of Elm Grove has remained relatively.....quiet.

But on **October 8th, 2022** that will all change!!!!

For one night only, a very special red-carpet event will take place.

**“Mischief, Mirth, and Mayhem:
A Murder Mystery Retrospective”**
is coming to Elm Grove United Methodist Church!

Enjoy canape's, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages while mingling with the stars of the AMEN Players.

Relive some of the love, romance, action, adventure, and of course, laughs from previous years.

Be a part of this special celebration marking the return of the AMEN Players to the extensive list of activities at Elm Grove United Methodist Church.

Doors open at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$10.00 per person.

Tickets available from one of the members of the Mission Committee or contact the church office. See you there!



CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

September 30, 2022

4:00pm to 6:30pm

MENU: Chicken Ala-King over biscuit, Green Beans,
Jell-O Salad, Dessert & Beverage

Adults \$10.00, Children (under 10) \$7.00

EAT IN/TAKE OUT



TRUNK OR TREAT IS BACK!

October 30th, 6:00-7:00pm

If you would like to decorate your vehicle and join in the fun, please sign up in the Narthex or call the office, 304-242-1206.

We are also asking for bags of candy, any variety.
Place your donations in the basket by the office.

Thank you for helping us reach the youth of this community!